(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) As on 1.3.2000, the vacancy position in respect of judges in the Supreme Court of India and the High Court was as follows:

Supreme Court of India	—	3
High Courts	—	159

(b) and (c) The filling up of vacancies in the Supreme Court of India and the High Courts is a consultative process among the Constitutional authorities. While every effort is made to fill up the existing vacancies expeditiously, vacancies do keep on arising on account of retirement, resignation or elevation of Judges.

Acquisition of land for Super Highway Project

1325. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of North-South and East-West Highway corridors as announced by the Government indicating details of the estimated costs and time-frame for implementation, region-wise;

(b) whether land acquisition for this purpose has been completed; if not, the status of acquisition; and

(c) the plans for rehabilitation of the evicted people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Status of implementation of 21 sections identified on North-South and East-West Corridor project, indicating details of estimated costs and time frame is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No.]

(b) No land acquisition is required for these projects.

(c) Does not arise.

Improvement of road link to Somnath

1326. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: